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GHI Membership Meeting Set For March 19

by Mary Lou Williamson

Members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., will meet next Thursday, March 19 to vote once again on Phase II rehab and the additional reserves that may be required for permanent financing. Today members will receive in the mail detailed information on the motions to be presented, the effect each alternative would have on monthly charges for the next two years, and a recap of rehab votes taken over the past two years. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Center school auditorium.

Motions

The first motion calls for re-approving an amended Phase II rehab program as required to attain financing through a first mortgage from the State's Community Development Administration (CDA) or the City of Greenbelt. If necessary, a third mortgage from the National Consumer Cooperative Bank (Coop Bank) will provide additional reserves. (The second mortgage is held by HUD for its \$6.4 million loan.)

CDA has set a number of requirements which GHI must meet in order to obtain the loan. A report on potential financing through revenue bonds from the bond underwriters indicates that permanent financing through CDA, even with the associated extra costs, would result in lower overall costs to members through a lower interest rate. If these variables should change before the permanent loan is arranged, GHI retains the option to float its bonds through the city.

GHI has learned first hand over the past two years that dealing with multiple layers of government on a very complex issue takes time and patience and a good measure of perseverance. Some of the details even now are not firm. A few problems are still unresolved; e.g., whether GHI will receive the 325 units of Section 8 housing assistance and whether additional mortgage insurance can be found (necessary for a better rating for city issued bonds). Another murky area surrounds the floating of revenue bonds themselves. New legislation passed by Congress in December remains untested.

Two additional motions ask approval of mortgage loans from CDA/City of Greenbelt and, if needed, a \$4.5 million loan from the Coop Bank as an additional reserve.

By-Law Requirements

Two bylaw problems are presented in the remaining two mo-

tions presented by the board. One asks approval of a two-year contract with GHI Development Corporation — GHI's general contractor for the rehab program. The bylaws require membership approval of multi-year contracts.

A bylaw change is presented as a result of last minute advice from GHI's bond underwriters in New York that the mortgage term may have to be longer than the expected 20 years. (See box for interview of underwriter.) Information mailed to the members in January, under the thirty-day notice as required by the current bylaws, was based on a 20-year term. A change, now, to 30 years would require postponement of the special membership meeting in order to again meet the 30-day requirement. However, the deadline for closing with CDA is set for April 1, a date which has already been postponed once. There is not time for another 30 day notice and little inclination for more delay.

In helping the board resolve the dilemma, its counsel, Krooth & Altman, made two recommendations: (1) the 30-day requirement could be waived by membership vote on March 19, or (2) the bylaw requirement could be changed. The latter is considered preferable. At a special meeting of the board Saturday morning, March 7, the board agreed to propose the bylaw change, requiring that information be given members at the same time they receive notice of the meeting. Counsel assured the board that this arrangement is common in corporate situations and does give sufficient time for members to review proposals and ask questions of management and board.

Two final actions asked of the membership involve (1) whether members may be allowed not to insulate their attic floors until the resale of their homes, and (2) termination of employment of the general manager. The last item is expected to be declared out of order.

An Interview

(News Review editor Mary Lou Williamson spoke with Robert Walsh, vice president of Blythe Eastman Paine Weber in New York by telephone on Monday, March 9. That conversation is presented here for our readers.)

Q: Why do we have a last minute problem?

A: It all stems from the Mortgage Subsidy Bond Act of 1980 passed by Congress last December. The new legislation requires the bond issue to be set up according to a number of assumptions. We are now trying to interpret the act and determine what assumptions we are going to be required to incorporate in this case. It now appears that a 20 year term will not be long enough. Maybe we will need 21 or 22 or 23 years, but no worse than 30 years.

Q: What specifically is the problem?

A: The Act restricts the amount of yield (to the mortgage or GHI) that can be placed on the mortgage loan. Because of that restriction, GHI might not be able to pay back the loan over a period as short as 20 years.

Q: Can you explain further?

A: Let me give you an example. Suppose you have a \$20 million loan and suppose, in round figures, your underwriting and other costs of issuance are \$500,000. When the public purchases the bonds, those costs are taken off the top. The remaining amount of money, the assets, would not be enough to pay back the loan. Those assets, \$19.5 m., must be invested at a rate high enough to earn back the extra \$500,000, so that the full amount of \$20m. can be paid back to the bond holders. The rate at which you can collect certain parts of that \$500,000 is restricted.

Q: What effect will the change from 20 to 30 years have on the members?

T: The point that will have to be made to members is that the

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County Council to Decide On Metro E Route Plan

On the afternoon of Tuesday, March 17, the Prince Georges County Council in Upper Marlboro is scheduled to decide whether to accept or reject the alignment of the Metro "E" Route as proposed by Metro staff. Acceptance by the county council would provide the go-ahead for start of a Metrorail line to Greenbelt—but might also be expected to bring court suits by opponents that would further delay construction. Unknowns are the positions of the county council members on the issue; and whether the Reagan administration will reduce Federal funding for additions to the Metro system.

13 Democrats, 11 Republicans 2 Others Seek Spellman Post

by Elaine Skolnik

The race for the Fifth District Congressional seat is heating up and the number of candidates aspiring for the office grows daily. The seat was declared vacant because of the illness of Gladys Noon Spellman, who remains in Walter Reed Hospital. Mrs. Spellman captured 82% of the Greenbelt vote in the November 1980 general election.

The special primary election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, with the special general election scheduled for May 19.

In the crowded Democratic field are Reuben Spellman, husband of ailing Gladys Spellman; State Senator Edward Conroy (24th District); Steny Hoyer, former state senator; County Councilwoman Sue Mills and Montgomery County delegate Stewart Bannum. Others in the race are Robert Bates, Anselmo Chavez, Robert Bassette, Donald Greenawalt, William J. Halterman, Melvin Perkins, John Sellner and Michael Sprague.

On the Republican side are Audrey Scott, mayor of Bowie; Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., son of and assistant to county executive Lawrence J. Hogan; and Kevin Igoe, who opposed Mrs. Spellman in the last general election. Others who have declared are John Lillard Jon Robinson, David Elliott, Morgan Wootten, George W. Bennis, Jack Price, Robert Brick-

ell, and Woodward Watrous. The Libertarian Party announced it will field a candidate—Tom Mathers of Berwyn Heights. Christo Poppas has filed as a write-in candidate. The deadline for candidates to file is March 16.

The deadline for registration for the special primary has passed. According to a Supervisor of Elections spokeswoman, it was the "lightest in many years."

Persons wishing to vote in the May 19 special general election may register by mail by calling 627-2814. Registration in person may be accomplished at the Supervisors of Elections office at 14744 Main Street, Upper Marlboro. That office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. All applications received will be processed on April 20, the deadline for registration for the special general election.

Michiline Fund Only Half Way Send Dollars to P.O.Box 302

by Larry Noel

Eighty per cent of the members of the U.S. Deaf Olympics team have now reached their goal of raising \$4,000 to enable them to go the Deaf Olympics in West Germany in July 1981. Greenbelter Joe Michiline's name is not yet on this list. Thus far less than \$2,000 has been collected in Greenbelt and the deadline of March 15 almost here. An extension may be granted for a team member who has a realistic chance of obtaining the full amount. What is needed is to raise \$3,000 immediately and present a plan for raising the rest. Everyone is urged to put a dollar in an envelope and mail to JOE MICHILINE FUND, Greenbelt Jaycees, Box 302, Greenbelt, Md. 20770.

The JAYCEES are currently selling raffle tickets for a dollar. A number of merchants have donated prizes: (1) Holiday Fitness and Racquet Club, Greenway Shopping Center; 18 month Limited Charter Membership; (2) Lookin Good - Women's Fitness Center, Beltway Plaza; 24 month full membership and (3) The Racquet Place (behind Chris Hanburger Ford), on U.S. 1 in College Park; 1 year individual membership.

All Greenbelt organizations are urged to help or to give contributions to assure Michiline of getting the extension in time to permit us to raise the full amount.

Joe Michiline's pole vaulting in two recent meets has been outstanding. At the National Masters Track and Field Championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 1, Joe won the silver medal for 2nd place and on March 7 at Virginia State Masters he won the gold medal.

Coop Has Special Meeting

A special meeting of the membership of Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc., has been called by the Board of Directors for Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library. The purpose is to amend the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, in order to permit lowering the membership fee from \$10 to \$1.

On Feb. 1 the Co-op stores and service stations began to record member purchases as the basis for a possible patronage refund. Such refunds may result in substantial reduction of the Co-op tax liability. The board hopes to encourage a large number of customers to become members through adoption of the reduced membership fee.

To pass, the proposal must be approved by a majority of all members entitled to vote—that is, 6,254 affirmative votes.



Joe Michiline in practice session.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM MONDAY, 16, TO

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1981 - 8 P.M.

The Agenda for the March 23 meeting will be published in the March 19 issue of the News Review.

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City Clerk

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Compliment To the Editor:

It is very seldom that I write a letter to the editorial department of any newspaper. But I feel at this time I should not hold my silence.

Since G.H.I. rehab has started I've seen numerous complaints about workmen that have done the rehab work.

I have a compliment that I believe I would feel guilty about if I did not bring it to light.

On Monday, Feb. 3, 3 young men came into my home to do the required electrical work. I do not know their names, but I do know that they were employees of Edison Electric Company.

These young men were very pleasant and polite. In fact, we thoroughly enjoyed having them in our home. When they got through the necessary work, they cleaned up, until no one would have known they had been there except one could see the excellent job on the switches and outlets they had completed.

Again I say it was a delight to have these young men in my home.

Maybe some of the workmen that the good people of Greenbelt have legitimate complaints about could take a few pointers from these nice young men of Edison Electric, and then this rehab time would be less painful for all of us.

Doris H. Jones

Festival Volunteers Needed To the Editor:

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee for the coming year. The Festival is a non-profit community organization which is composed entirely of volunteers. Its purpose is to provide a fun-filled, safe holiday week-end for members of the community, their family and friends. Members of the Steering Committee serve in specific capacities as chairpersons of various events at the Festival. In this way, the responsibilities are spread among many individuals.

This year, the Festival is seeking people to serve as chairperson or co-chairperson in the following areas: special events (stage events, exhibits, demonstrations), parade, carnival, Salute to Americans at Work special contests, facilities, and recording secretary. It is extremely important that members of the community volunteer their time if this event is to continue and not be a burden to just a few. Serving on the Festival Committee takes only a small amount of time — from May through September. Anyone who can serve is asked to please call me on 474-5310 or 783-5113. No special abilities are required to be on the Festival Committee — just a commitment to help for a few months.

Sandra Barnes, President
Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee

No Obligation to Subsidize To the Editor:

As a 20-year GHI member I don't recall signing any contract including an obligation to subsidize any one, nor do the by-laws. Instead they do explicitly stipulate that the member must prove to be financially able to assume his or her share of collective expenses.

Katherine Keene is in error as to the function of a co-operative. They are not related to financial aid, but are addressed as a cheaper way of multiple members collectively reducing the cost of heating, maintenance and repair.

That is where managerial control, or lack of it, affects our budget. The four concepts of management control are: increase of quality and quantity, decrease of time and cost. This concept is crucial in a co-operative of modest income members, whether brick or frame.

Ed James' statement that the burden of subsidizing will fall heavily on those least able to absorb the additional cost is correct. He should have given the reason for that assumption.

They are: the board arbitrarily voted to charge the frames NOT 3% as HUD stipulated for the \$6,400,000 loan on a legal first mortgage, but anywhere from a possible 10+ to 15% on a City bond for \$20,000,000 and/or a State financed loan. This is not subsidizing the Section 8 members, but 1000 frame homeowners subsidizing the more affluent members on ratio of 2-to-1.

I question the legality of that decision by a fiduciary board to circumvent the obvious intent of a legal document.

Martha Hutzler

Editor's Note: The GHI members, not the board of directors, voted to share the different interest rates from different financing sources for rehabilitation. At the special membership meeting, May 28, 1980, members voted to use the low-interest HUD 312 loan entirely for the frame homes. Unresolved disputes with the Maryland Historic Trust over siding and windows prevented the inclusion of the masonry units at that time because of pressure from HUD to settle immediately or risk losing the loan. (Some of these disputes are still unresolved.)

In an amendment offered by Nat Shinderman, members present at that meeting, in order to be fair to all, voted to share the low 3% interest proportionately among both types of housing according to the dollar amount of work to be done. This means that the higher interest rate of whatever source of financing is used for Phase II will also be shared. All members will pay an adjusted rate somewhere in the middle.

(See News Review issue of June 5, 1980, page 4 report of the special membership meeting by Sid Kastner for more details.)

On May 20, prior to the member-

Pray - Bailey

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pray of Empire Place announce the marriage of their daughter, Robin Jo to Robert Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bailey of Southway.

The wedding was held Friday, February 20 at the Greenbelt Community Church followed by a reception at the Beltsville Fire House.

The couple are residing in Lanham.

Francis D. Farrall

Francis DeSales (Sailor) Farrall died on March 10. A former Greenbelter, Farrall lived in the city for 11 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy A. Farrall, of Laurel, daughter, Patricia Downing, of Springfield, Va., son, Charles B. Farrall of Greenbelt Plaza Apartments, and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers John, Greenbelt, and Mack, Accokeek, and a sister, Agnes, Hartford, Conn.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society.

Scholarships Offered In Health Services

Area students interested in careers in pulmonary health services can have their college tuition and books paid for through the Lung Association of Southern Maryland's Scholarship Program. Scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 will be awarded. Applicants must be residents of Prince Georges County, high school seniors or graduates, accepted into an accredited school with an accredited program in respiratory, speech, physical or occupational therapy, or nursing education, and available for personal interview during the month of April. All applications must be submitted by March 31.

High school seniors may get applications from their school guidance counselors. Applications are also available at local libraries and from the Lung Association of Southern Maryland, 4400 Stamp Rd., Suite #406, Marlow Heights, Maryland 20031. For more information call (301) 423-0520.

Reuben Spellman Opens Campaign Headquarters

Reuben Spellman officially opened his campaign headquarters at Beltway Plaza on March 2. He is seeking the Fifth District House seat held by his wife, Gladys Noon Spellman, who has been hospitalized for four months.

Greenbelters are invited to visit headquarters which is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The telephone number is 441-9500.

Coffee Hour Lectures

Peggy O'Neill's Irish Dancers will demonstrate the Irish jig at the free coffee hour lecture to be held at the Greenbelt library on Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A special film presentation of Irish interest will be shown.

The public is invited to attend. Advance registration is recommended. Call 322-0875.

ship meeting, GHI and city officials met with HUD officials to iron out remaining problems that were holding up settlement on the loan. The sharing of interest rates was discussed at that meeting: HUD expressed no objections. (News Review issue of May 22, 1980, page 1 story gives more details.)

MISHKAN TORAH SISTERHOOD

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will meet on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting a "Clutter Technician" from the Prince Georges County Extension Service will demonstrate how to combat clutter, make the best use of existing storage space and create new storage areas. Interested persons are invited.

Gardner-Pennington

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gardner of Greenbelt announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Mary, to Brian Douglas Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pennington of Laurel. The newlyweds are residing in Laurel.

Mowatt Memorial

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

Democrats Hold Candidate Night

The Roosevelt Democratic Club will sponsor a forum for the Democratic Candidates for Congress on Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community House. Members and all interested Democrats are invited to attend.

Mishkan Torah News

Purim services will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. There will be singing, dancing, skits and holiday refreshments.

Rabbi Kenneth Berger will discuss Purim on Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Saturday services at 9:30 a.m.

Bahá'í Faith

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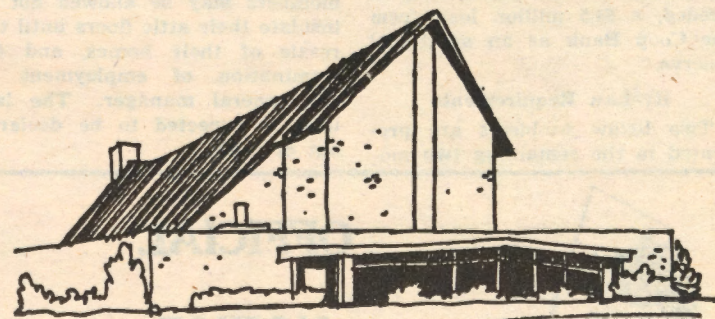
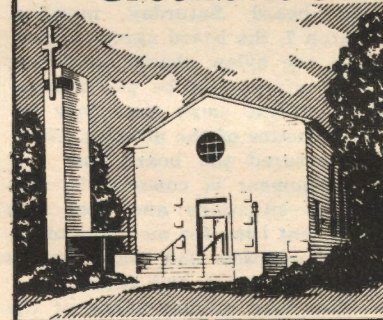
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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Special Membership Meeting, Other Rehabilitation Items Occupy GHI Board

by June Webb

Once again rehab-related issues dominated the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors meeting of March 5. A decision was made to insulate the floored attics through holes drilled in the flooring. Several items concerning the special membership meeting of March 19 were approved.

Attic Insulation

The board voted to contract with Universal Insulation to insulate the floored attics. The insulation would be accomplished by drilling holes in the attic floors and blowing in the insulation. The cost per attic for this method will be \$148 above the \$42 cost of insulating unfloored attics. The increased cost will be borne by the owner.

The contractor wants to charge a \$25 per home fee to return to every home that was not ready for insulation to be installed when the crews first arrived. Director Margaret Hogensen commented that insufficient notice to clear attics had been given in some instances. Audit committee member Frank Gervasi, relating that other members had cleared attics upon notice, then waited for months for the insulation to be installed, said Universal had a responsibility to insulate in a timely manner. The board voted that the cost of return visits will be shared by all of Phase 1; in the future members whose attics are not cleared when the insulators arrive will be charged the \$25 fee.

Special Membership Meeting

A lively discussion occurred prior to approval of the agenda for the March 19 special membership meeting. Due to a new federal law, the bond repayment period may need to be increased. There was concern over whether this change would necessitate further notice to members before the meeting. There is insufficient time for such a notice to be given. (See story on page 1.)

Directors John Lewis and Steve Curtis said that the special meeting should not be postponed again. Management suggested that the GHI bylaws be waived, but there was much opposition to doing so. Members Charlie Schwan and Jim Smith and director Ed James were doubtful of the legality of such an action. The board decided that adequate notification has previously been given.

Block Home Roofs

Staff Architect Stan Sersen reported that the block home siding installation will require a new roof structure. He recommended that all 256 block homes receive new insulated roofs as part of Phase 2 rehab. Sersen said that the estimated \$700,000 cost can be covered by the amount already budgeted for rehab, because several projected and budgeted costs have been lower than anticipated.

Finances

Director John Lewis, chairman of the Finance committee, presented the committee report. The GHI board approved the committee's recommendations to reduce the heat maintenance charge by 13.9% for those owners who have individually converted their heating systems. Also approved was a recommendation that GHI maintain its current working capital fund.

Member Questions

Member Wayne Everett had some questions concerning the rehab charges portion of the monthly fee. He inquired about the effect on the total rehab cost of switching rehab items between Phase I and Phase II. GHI general manager Ken Kopstein stated that 13 months' interest on rehab loans is now being billed to GHI members. Charges for Phase I rehab won't be assessed until mid 1982. Kopstein explained that the total cost of rehab is not affected by moving certain rehab items from one phase to another.

Alternate Financing

Kopstein reported that management is investigating the National Consumer Cooperative Bank as the source of rehab financing. The board took no action concerning option, believing that the procedures and paperwork necessary would be too time consuming.

Items of Information

Gary Morningstar, Director of Purchasing, spoke of GHI's in-

vestigation of volume buying services. GHI has registered with United Buying Service. Autos, furniture, travel and insurance may more economically be purchased through such a service. Morningstar asked that those interested in using the service contact GHI for more information.

Member Charlie Schwan read a written statement early in the meeting, expressing his opposition to any postponement of Phase II and/or all rehab. He said that several jobs being done under rehab are required by the county to correct code violations. Schwan feared that delaying rehab would prevent GHI from obtaining the lower rate loans now in process.

Director Wayne Williams provided copies of excerpts from **Designing Rehab Programs, A Local Government Guidebook**, a report prepared for HUD. Several of the observations gleaned from this study of rehab programs in five cities would seem to hold true for GHI's experience: negotiating conflicts that crop up in rehab work is extremely time consuming; any time payment is made, inspection should be made; repeat inspections drive up costs.

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change will in no way harm them.

Q: Will this mean that members will pay a lot more money?

A: No. What we are doing is spreading out the payments; each payment will be less. There would be some additional expense. For example, if we go all the way from 20 to 30 years, members would be paying interest over a longer period of time and they would end up paying more, but not a lot.

Q: How definite is the need to

extend the term beyond 20 years?

A: The change is only required by our assumption of a worst-case scenario. When we finish studying the new law or when others try out the new law and we can learn from them, we will come back to the membership with all the facts. We may find out that 20 years will be long enough. At this time no one has issued bonds under the new legislation. We are all scratching in the dark. As a result we must be conservative in our assumptions.

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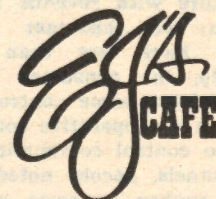
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Greenbelt and New Carrollton Explore Possibility of Joint Cable TV System

by Bill Rowland

The neighboring cities of Greenbelt and New Carrollton, which already share a common boundary, could also share a cable TV system within the next few years. That would be one possible result from a "Request for Proposals" (RFP) approved by the city councils of both municipalities during the week of February 2. These are now being readied for joint issuance by the administrative staffs of the two cities.

Prince Georges County is in the process of soliciting proposals for a county-wide cable TV system. Sometime later this year the county council is expected to make its selection of franchises. There will then be a limit of 30 days for communities such as Greenbelt and New Carrollton to decide whether or not they want to be a part of the county cable system. The joint RFP is intended to give both cities as much information as possible about various cable TV alternatives before any commitments are made.

Options available to the two cities will include (1) being a part of the county franchise; (2) setting up a franchise separate from that of the county; (3) contracting and owning a cable TV system as a municipal enterprise; or (4) deciding not to have cable TV. The intent of both cities is found in this sentence from the RFP: "The cities, if they choose not to become a part of the county system, expect to pursue to implementation one of the options under this RFP."

The joint RFP is modeled on one issued by the county, but with modifications to address the specific needs and circumstances of the two cities. A number of criteria and safeguards are built in, an important disclaimer being that the two cities are not committed to joint provision of cable TV service. The RFP seeks to find three types of applicants: Those who are also applying to the county, but who would modify their proposals in response to the joint RFP; those who are not responding to the county RFP; and those who would be interested in proposing a system to be owned by a city and operated under contract to a company.

Complete Network

As the RFP notes, "The cities recognize that cable has the potential to be a complete communications network..." Applicants would be expected to provide an initial minimum of 40 channels and two-way service, with the ability to expand in the future. In addition to a broad range of entertainment and information capabilities desired, applicants are asked to address very specifically how they would propose to meet individual needs of the two cities, such as neighborhood channels and public and institutional access to the system.

Long lists are provided in the RFP of kinds of cable services for consideration, ranging from ability to receive all Washington and Baltimore TV stations; through service outlets to all public buildings, and educational and interfaith and religious channels; and on to "maximized satellite programming" and home security.

Safeguards for the cities and their citizens are built into the RFP in a number of ways. To start, each application must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. Each applicant must disclose certain information about finances and ownership; local ownership of the kind known as "rent-a-citizen" is discouraged. Applicants are warned against contacts with municipal officials and employees other than in specific written manner or in an official council hearing.

System proposals will be evaluated not only for kinds and scope of cable services and rates to be charged, but also in terms of the financial capability of the applicant to construct and operate the system, the realism of the financial projections, and the character qualifications of the applicant. Each applicant must include certification from a registered professional engineer that the technical service design is cost effective and feasible.

A successful applicant granted a franchise (known as the "franchisee") would be required to make cable service available to the entire service area within two years after the date of the franchise agreement. Studio facilities and transmission equipment, together with operating staff and budget, would have to be in place within six months after service to subscribers begins. The franchisee would have to assure that movies rated "R" or "X" would be optional to subscribers, and that parental lock-out devices would be available. In areas of the cities where utility cables are underground, the TV cables likewise would have to go underground. (At present in Greenbelt, this is the case in Greenbriar, Windsor Green, and the Golden Triangle.)

The Greenbelt and New Carrollton city staffs plan to receive all proposals by the middle of April; to complete the review of the proposals by the middle of May; and, during June and July, to compare the proposals with what is being offered to the county. Both city councils would have to enact some type of cable TV legislation, depending on whether the two cities adopt a joint franchise, or whether they decide to act separately. If they act together, a "Joint Commission" would be established as the formal structure within which the two cities would achieve a mutual cable TV system.

Council Asked to Consider Cooperative Cable TV Plan

by Leta Mach

Another cable TV presentation was made to council on February 23 — this time with a novel concept. Bruce Jacobs, Director of the Cooperative Communications Project of the National Citizens' Committee for Broadcasting asked the city to consider a subscriber, cooperative cable television system.

"It's pleasant to be here because I don't have to explain what a co-op is," commented Jacobs. (Several days before Jacobs had presented the idea to Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) The major reason he urged a cooperative system was the possibility of more flexibility. Under the usual procedure, governmental bodies are forced to forecast the 'state of the art' for the life of the franchise (about 15 years) with the result that what is requested is either unrealistic or soon outdated, he said. Instead, Jacobs suggested a subscriber co-op system would develop as the technology developed. A subscriber co-op would be more likely to change as needed than a private company, he felt.

The ideal would be a cooperative that owned and controlled the whole cable system. Presently, there are about 75 such systems nationwide. "For cable to work, you have to get people comfortable with using it," he stated. A cable cooperative system would foster such involvement, Jacobs added.

Another possibility would be a joint venture between a private company and subscribers. He suggested that the city might finance the venture with revenue bonds. Although the consumer would probably have less than 50% ownership, the consumer would "at least have some control and say." Such a cooperative could be set up to control community access channels. Jacobs noted that he had spoken to some of the companies bidding in the county and they showed interest in the idea.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld asked

about the role of Jacob's group in such an undertaking. The group would provide consulting and technical assistance. A fee would be charged, but probably less than other consulting firms because the group is non-profit and tax-exempt. In the past, it has put together a technical assistance proposal for the Co-op Bank.

"You have a tremendous opportunity to do something important and innovative nationwide," declared Jacobs. "Make known your openness and willingness," to consider other alternatives, he urged. Council, he felt, realized the importance of cable services as "a boon to localism".

Councilman Charles Schwan felt the city Request for Proposals (RFP) would allow a submission from a cooperative group. Weidenfeld concluded, "it's something we'll be thinking about."

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P.G. Vocational Trade And Industrial Program

Ninth graders who are interested in enrolling in the vocational trade and industrial programs of the Prince Georges County Public Schools next year should contact their local school guidance counselors prior to course registration in March.

The Trades and Industrial Program is designed to develop attitudes and work habits which assist in building skills needed for employment in a variety of trades. Specialized courses include carpentry, masonry, air-conditioning, refrigeration/electricity, printing, auto mechanics and cosmetology.

Eleventh graders may register to train as medical and nursing assistants.

For further information, contact the guidance office of Laurel, Bladensburg, Crossland or Gwynn Park senior high schools or the program's central office at

Boys & Girls Club

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club's first AAA team won the basketball National League Division Championship March 2 by a score of 53 to 41 over Landover Hills. This team coached by Bob O'Bryhim went 10 and 1 for the season. The players are Alex and Derek Campbell, Mike Gielen, Michael Horstman, John Lester, Steve Simko, J.J. Stanton, Craif Stewart, and James Washington. They will play Oxon Hill, the American League Champion. The county is in process of scheduling playoff times and dates. Springhill Lake Recreation Center will host playoffs from March 16-21.

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 16 year old boys are leading their division with one game left to be played against Laurel. The Club's 15 year old girls are tied for their division lead with three games to be played.

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Candidates to Speak On Women's Issues

Fifth District Congressional candidates will be speaking on issues of importance to women on Wednesday, March 18 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. The program is sponsored by the Political Action Committee of the Women's Political Caucus of Prince Georges County and the Women's Action Coalition. For information call 937-6871.

Kellyweek in Greenbelt

Kelly Services Offices will celebrate Kellyweek, March 9-15, by honoring their more than 300,000 temporary employees. In honor of the occasion, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld recently declared "Kellyweek" in Greenbelt. Kelly Services is located at 9200 Edmonton Road, Suite 217. The telephone number is 474-2830.

In Greenbelt, Kellyweek will be celebrated on March 13, with a breakfast honoring employees.

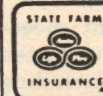
CITIZENS FOR GREENBELT ANNUAL MEETING SET

The annual meeting of the Citizens for Greenbelt Association will be held on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library Meeting Room. A report will be made of the CFG accomplishments during the past year and some of the problems to be faced in the coming months. Election of officers will also be conducted. Members and prospective members are urged to attend.

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Council Works On Improving Things--- Sidewalks, Streets, and Ethics Code

by Bill Rowland

In a series of recent meetings, the city council has faced a mixture of topics, including a new state ethics law requiring city action; proposed improvements to Edmonston Road, the need for city quality control in the construction of new townhouse streets and sidewalks, and several matters related to the city's advisory boards.

Ethics Law

The Maryland Public Ethics Law requires that each city and county within the state adopt an ethics law similar to the state law. A State Ethics Commission will enforce this requirement. The local ethics laws must be in place by July 1 of this year.

At a work session on February 17, the city council (with Councilman Charles Schwan absent) discussed the new requirement with City Manager James Giese and Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak. The state law requires that three topics be covered: conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying. Each city and county may decide whether or not to set up its own ethics commission.

The council members quickly agreed that implementation of the law within Greenbelt should be kept as simple as possible, and that they do not want to set up a city ethics commission. They asked that the city staff develop proposed language relating to the conflicts of interest and lobbying topics.

The city already has a financial disclosure law adopted in 1971. Giese pointed out that quite a few changes would be needed in the city law to bring it into conformity with the state requirements.

Race at Capital Centre

The Washington Bullets, in cooperation with Wendy's Restaurants and WTOP Newsradio 15, are sponsoring the Second Annual Hot 'n' Juicy Classic Running Race of 10,000 meters (6.2 miles). The race will be held on the grounds surrounding the Capital Centre on March 28 beginning at 10 a.m. For more information call 350-3400, ext. 321.

Forum Scheduled By Republicans

There will be a Republican Candidates' Forum of the Prince Georges Republican Club on Monday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Club House. Candidates for the vacant Fifth Congressional District seat will speak. All are welcome.

The following candidates have been invited to participate: George Bennis, David Elliott, Larry Hogan Jr., Kevin Igoe, John F. Lillard III, Melvin Perkins, Jack Price, Jon Robinson, Audrey Scott, and Morgan Wootten. Each candidate will speak for about ten minutes. There will be a brief period for questions from the audience, followed by final comments by the candidates.

A mini-election will then be held. The audience will be asked to vote for the candidate of their choice. Write-in votes will be accepted.

A large attendance is expected. Those who wish a seat are advised to come early. There will be an optional cash bar at 7 p.m. For further information, call 262-7657.

The council members agreed that the city's law has served Greenbelt well as now worded. They directed Giese to send a copy of the city's financial disclosure law to the State Ethics Commission with two questions for the Commission: Does the present city law adequately meet the new state requirements on financial disclosure? If not, can a waiver be given to Greenbelt so it can continue to use its present law unchanged?

There was an inconclusive discussion as to which city officials and employees, other than council members and the city manager, should be covered by the financial disclosure provisions. Tentative agreement was reached that the assistant city manager probably also should be included. It was noted that members of the city's Advisory Planning Board must file disclosure reports under the present city law. Reluctance was expressed about extending such a requirement to members of other city advisory boards.

Edmonston Road Improvements

During the Feb. 17 work session City Manager Giese told council that the firm of Greenhorne and O'Mara wants to widen Edmonston Road in front of its proposed office building in order to provide curbside parking. The city council directed Giese to ask the owners of Springhill Lake to carry through now on their earlier commitment to improve Edmonston Road to city standards farther toward Greenbelt Road. As council sees it, this should result in extension of the previous pavement widening and curbs and gutters as far south as Breezewood Drive.

Townhouse Streets and Sidewalks

The owners of new townhouses built within the city need better protection as to the construction quality of access drives, parking compounds, and sidewalks. City

Manager Giese told the council at its Feb. 23 meeting. At present, he said, the city does not regulate the construction of such improvements in private developments, and has expected a county department to perform that function. Giese noted that a recent amendment in the county zoning ordinance makes it appear that unless the city assumes the responsibility for inspecting these facilities in connection with townhouse construction, no one will have the responsibility.

Giese explained that a townhouse development is a unique situation. Each townhouse has its own lot owned in fee simple. However, the townhouse owners jointly own the parking compounds, access drives, and sidewalks, as well as other common areas which are dedicated as public utility easements.

Giese presented to council a proposed amendment to the City Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance which would require townhouse builders to obtain a city permit for construction of common-use paved areas, and to build such improvements to the same standards as are required for public rights-of-way within the city. The amended ordinance was introduced for first reading at the Feb. 23 meeting, and passed unanimously at council's March 2 meeting.

Advisory Boards

During the Feb. 23 meeting, council accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Clarke from the Advisory Planning Board.

The council also passed an ordinance to enlarge the Employee Relations Board from three to five members.

The council on March 3 conducted interviews of candidates to fill vacancies on several of the city's advisory boards.

P.G. Schools Change Free, Reduced Lunch Eligibility

Recent federal legislation has changed the policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk in the county public schools. The change, which accompanies an increase of 10 cents for reduced price lunches, has also revised the family size income standards and eliminated the deductions for hardships.

Children from families whose income is at or below the new standards are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk, depending upon the annual income level and the number of children in the family.

Families of children whose eligibility for program benefits has been reduced or terminated because of the change in guidelines will receive a written notice 10 days before the changes take effect. New applications for the program may be submitted at any time during the school year. Applications are available at all schools. For income guidelines contact the child's school.

Realtors Offer Prizes In Residential Renovation

Prince Georges Board of Realtors (PGBR) President Kenneth H. Michael announced that "the County Board is, through its Public Affairs Committee, launching a Residential Renovation Contest. \$2,650 in cash prizes are offered to County homeowners who renovate or remodel the exterior of their residential property."

The contest offers five cash prizes to homeowners who enter the contest and whose renovation effort is selected by the contest judges for a prize. A first prize of \$1,000 with four additional prizes of \$750, \$500, \$300 and \$100 are offered. Prizes will be awarded for those renovation efforts which, in judges' opinion, rank first through fifth as the best renovation effort entered.

Contest entry forms are available at all PGBR offices or may be obtained by calling 350-7700.

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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting of February 2, 1981, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1 (Resolution No. 468); and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 54, TITLE "CUSTODY OF MONEYS", TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID SECTION SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS DEFERRED UNDER AN ESTABLISHED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

The above Charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 24th day of March, 1981, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 14th day of March, 1981, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt. A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870.

James K. Giese, City Manager



The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Special Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 19

8 p.m.

CENTER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Members will be asked to:

- Approve the amended rehabilitation program
- Amend the By-law provision requiring certain information be received by members, in writing, 30 days prior to membership meeting
- Approve CDA/City of Greenbelt mortgage loan
- Approve NCCB mortgage loan
- Approve a 2-year contract with GHIDC
- Consider member petitions on attic insulation and dismissal of the General Manager

Last Member Information Meeting
Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.

UTOPIA THEATER

Anyone who has not received an information packet should call GHI at 474-5566.

About Galaxies, Pluto, Charon

by David Stern

On Wednesday evening, January 21, visitors to the Greenbelt library were given a rare treat, a lecture with slides by James Christy, the astronomer who discovered that Pluto, the most distant planet, has a moon.

James Christy certainly does not fit the cartoon stereotype of an astronomer — he is clean shaven, middle-aged and broad shouldered, and he spoke with a slight twang as his wife, Charlene, helped by handling the slides. The universe, he noted, at the outset, is almost empty of matter: if the Sun shrank to the size of a basketball, he said, the Earth would be a pea across the room, Jupiter a pingpong ball out in the parking lot. Pluto a BB shot half a mile away, and almost all of the rest an empty void. The nearest star? Somewhere near Hawaii.

Yet there exists remarkable objects in this near-vacuum, nebulae and distant galaxies, as Christy demonstrated with slide after slide. He noted that those brilliant pictures of spiral or billowing nebulae are far more spectacular than what the eye sees through the telescope, since they are obtained by time exposures which may last hours. Unfortunately, this works best in austere black and white, because long exposures with color film tend to wash out the colors. Christy however found that chilling the color film with the help of liquid air overcame this drawback, and he treated his audience to the results of this technique, bright nebulae in dazzling pink, blue and yellow.

Pluto

But the main topics of the evening were Pluto and its moon Charon. Around the turn of the century it became evident that Neptune, the outermost large planet, deviated from its predicted orbit, and astronomer Percival Lowell even built an observatory near Flagstaff, Arizona, to seek "Planet IX," whose gravitational pull supposedly caused the discrepancy. The search for a planet beyond Neptune lasted about 30 years and only after Lowell's death did his student, Clyde Tombaugh, discover Pluto. Pluto's location matched the predictions, but soon everyone realized that the new planet was far too small

to affect Neptune's motion to any large extent.

Even through the 61 inch telescope of the Naval Observatory, located near Flagstaff and used by Christy, the image of Pluto is just a fuzzy blob, its size determined not by the size of the planet but by the inherent blurring due to the telescope. However, one summer day in 1978, looking at an enlargement of just such an image, Christy noted that the blob had a bulge on one side. A humorous set of "re-enactment slides" of the moment of discovery showed what (allegedly) happened next: bulging eyes, a dropping jaw and finally, the astronomer climbing on top of his chair to get an even closer look through the microscope.

Charon

It had to be a moon. Tom Harrington, an associate of Christy, even devised (with the help of a computer) a scenario for its creation, according to which Pluto was originally a satellite of Neptune. Then along came Planet IX, yet undiscovered but estimated to be about 5 times the mass of the Earth, sweeping by, tearing off Pluto and casting the two remaining moons into highly unusual orbits, one with a sense opposite to that of all other orbits in the solar system (counterclockwise to their clockwise), the other in a most elliptical trajectory. And the stresses of the close encounter broke up Pluto and produced its satellite, Charon.

Why Charon? Christy explained that discoverers have a traditional right to name their discoveries, but added that when such a choice is too unusual, astronomers often ignore it and use some other name. Planets and their satellites take names from the Greek-Roman mythology, where Charon (hard ch) was the ferryman who conveyed souls across the river Styx to the underworld, the domain of Pluto.

ERHS Students Chosen In Science Competition

Two Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, Jenny Moy and Manisha Dhuria, have been chosen as semi-finalists in the first National Space Shuttle Student Involvement Project. The students were selected from a competition which will determine which ten students will have science experiments flown aboard the space shuttle.

On March 17-19 at NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia they will present their proposed experiments. The winning projects will be assigned payload space on the shuttle as flights are confirmed.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is the only secondary school in the country to have two semi-finalists in the competition sponsored by NASA and the National Science Teachers Association.

Cultural Arts Center Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center announced that it will hold its second annual membership meeting, Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Utopia Theatre. Elections will be held for Board of Directors seats which will be expiring. Anyone who is interested in running for a vacancy should forward a resume to P.O. Box 439, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, by March 23. The Board will also present a status report on the Arts Center's budget, programming and renovation as well as a projection of the coming year's activities and objectives.

New members and those whose membership is about to expire may renew their memberships by forwarding the membership fee to P.O. Box 439.

Christy, though, had a different reason for the name, which he pronounced with a soft "ch": Charon was the closest he could get to naming the moon after his wife, Charlene. Which makes Charon a worthy companion indeed to Pluto, whose name, it is rumored, really reflects the initials of Percival Lowell.

Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to Ruth Bond, Greenhill Rd., on the recent death of her mother.

Valerie Richards, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall, 1980, semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richards, Maplewood Court.

Patti Fowler, 17 Ridge Rd., a student of Frostburg State College, has received a public affairs internship with Elias Silverstein, Esq., Office of the States' Attorney, Upper Marlboro, for the spring semester.

Marine Sgt. Larry L. Long, son of Tula Long, Ridge Rd., recently participated in training at Yuma, Arizona. He is a Marine Reservist assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 41, located at Andrews Air Force Base.

Congratulations to Joy Lynn Johnson, 7800 Hanover Parkway, who was named to the Dean's list and Honor Roll for the Fall 1980 semester at Stetson University, DeLane, Florida.

George A. Brugger, partner in the law firm of Fossett and Brugger, was recently chosen as President-Elect of the Prince Georges County Bar Association. Brugger's firm represented the developers of Greenbriar Condominium and Windsor Green.

Ben Dyer Associates has been named the 1980 Outstanding Engineer by the D.C. Metropolitan Subcontractor's Association. The firm received the Pierre L'Enfant Award for its ability in project engineering and spirit of cooperation with and consideration of subcontractors and suppliers. Two

local projects of the firm are Greenway Center and the Golden Triangle complex.

Marine Cpl. Kevin R. Siemon has deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as a member of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261, based at the Marine Corps Helicopter Air Station, New River, Jacksonville, N.C. A 1977 graduate of Parkdale High School, Siemon is married to the former Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Wilmer B. and Margaret B. Cooper of Cherrywood Lane.

Meredith B. Beeg, Linda M. Newsome and Shirley L. Seadler of Greenbelt Unit No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary, returned from the nation's capital this week where they attended the 29th Women's Forum on National Security. The Women's Forum on National Security is a coalition of fifteen women's patriotic organizations who for nearly three decades have gathered in Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress, to hear experts speak, and to take a vital message back to their home towns.

Charlotte H. Chow of Cherrywood Lane recently completed an assignment as a Finance and Accounting Intern for the Town of Bladensburg as part of her studies at Frostburg State College. She helped prepare governmental financial reports and develop internal control procedures.

Army Private Frederick B. Weaver, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Weaver, Sr. of 151 Westway Rd., recently completed One Station Unit Training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.



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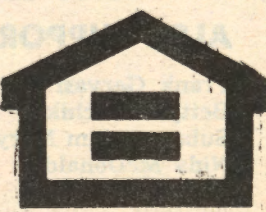
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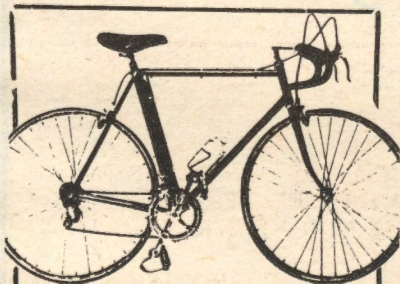
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Recreation Review

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Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Classes

The Winter and Spring Class Schedule is noted below. To pre-register for Winter and Spring Classes, call the Rec. Department Business Office weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. Choose the most convenient location. Hours are from 7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at SHL Elementary March 18 and 19, and Greenbelt Center Elementary April 7 and 8.

Roller Skating

Come down to Greenbelt Center School for the Rec. Department's Roller Skating Program. Days are as follows: Wednesdays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 1st - 3rd Graders; Fridays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 4th - 6th Graders; and Sundays, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Family Skating - all ages. A nominal fee is charged at the door. Rent our skates or bring your own rink skates. For further information, call 474-6878.

Volleyball - Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at Greenbelt Center School Gymnasium. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings with recreational on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome.

Help on Gas Heating Bills

Washington Gas customers who have trouble paying their winter heating bills should call 750-1000 immediately. Telephone hours for discussing bills are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The company's downtown Washington office for resolving inquiries at 1100 H Street N.W., is open weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Customers who prefer to talk personally with a customer service representative may visit this office.

Federal funds are available to low-income customers under the Home Energy Assistance Program and Washington Gas will refer low-income customers to the proper energy assistance agencies. Call 699-2662 for information.

Energy conservation booklets with do-it-yourself instructions are available free of charge by calling the gas company at 750-1000. Titles of the booklets are "Energy Is Money . . . We'll Help You Save Them Both" "Consumer Guide to Insulation," and "Maintenance in the First Degree."

Volunteers Needed

The Prince Georges Area of the American Cancer Society is looking for new members for their corps of volunteer drivers.

Responsible members are needed to help with transporting cancer patients to and from treatment centers.

The American Cancer Society is able to provide minimal monetary compensation for gasoline and car wear and tear.

For more information, call Sally Small at 864-7361.

CITY NOTES

Sewers were cleaned and streets patched this week. Dirt was hauled to the Greenbelt Junior High School Field. The concrete deck at the Municipal Pool was broken up to repair a leak in the fill lines of the diving well.

Partitions were installed in the basement of the city office building. The drywall sprinkler system at the Green Ridge House was inspected several times last week.

The chipper and leaf vacuum were both out for several days. Work began on Braden Field in preparation of the baseball season.

Ralph Diest, Kenneth Hall and

Girl's Basketball

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls 15 and under girls' basketball team now has a 11-3 record. The team, coached by Joe Bistany, plays its last game Friday, March 13, at Greenbelt Jr. High at 8 p.m.

CARES

Wendy Wexler has agreed to be the facilitator of a support group for young single mothers to be held in Greenbelt, beginning within the next month.

Norman Powell attended a one-day Asphalt Paving Workshop at the University of Maryland on Tuesday.

CYO Track Team

Practice to Begin

The 1981 St. Hugh's CYO boys and girls track team will have its first practice on Wednesday, March 18, behind the church at 5 p.m. Practices are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. The first meet will be on Saturday, April 11, with meets almost every Saturday through May. Boys and girls ages 8 through 15 may join the CYO team. Greenbelt children who are not CYO members may run with the team in five meets. Information from Larry Noel, 474-9362.

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SENIORS GO TO ATLANTIC CITY

by Blanche E. Lee

Did you go to Atlantic City to the Harrah Casino Party for Senior Citizens February 5? Well we did—not unlike hundreds of other seniors who traveled as invited guests from several surrounding states. Two Gold Line bus loads left Greenbelt shortly after 8 a.m. on that cold, frosty morning. When we arrived at the Casino, an hour late, buses were lined up over a block long, so there was another wait before we could unload.

It was well past 1:30 p.m. when we finally were able to get inside the Casino, now packed with people wall-to-wall! We were given tickets to the buffet luncheon, which was on the house, and told to take the escalator to the third floor. There we took our place in a line that looked a mile long and stood for approximately two hours, moving slowly toward the door to the big dining room. Some, weary of standing, dropped out; others, anxious to try their hand at the machines, rushed down to the first floor and the one-armed bandits for a fling at luck. They were back in line in no time, it seemed, with a cup half-filled with quarters or dimes as the case might be, smiling and happy for their good luck. Conversation was lively as the long line moved forward, and we met many interesting out-of-state seniors. Finally, shortly after 3 p.m. we had made it to that door and found ourselves, though a bit weary and hungry, entering the huge dining room. It was great to be greeted by pretty, uniformed, young girls, who assigned us to tables—then back in line to wait our turn at the steam tables and food. Appetites had accelerated greatly in the meantime (it had been a long time since breakfast) and seniors did justice to the delicious food, which was plentiful, well prepared and in large varieties. Hot coffee was served at the tables, and it was oh! so good just to sit down and rest your tired feet.

We had been warned by the bus driver that departure would be at 6 p.m., and there was not too much time to linger over the good food if we wanted to participate in what was going on downstairs,

so down we went to find the crowd had taken over there too and it was difficult to locate an empty machine. It was fascinating, however, to just stand by and watch others pick up the shiny quarters and half-dollars they seemed to be winning; at least they were hanging on to the machines and winnings—whatever they may have been—some casually sipping drinks served from a nearby bar.

We moved on and took a stroll through the crowded room to the roulette wheels, blackjack, dice and miscellaneous games of chance to find people had taken over there too, and we paused to wonder how there could be so much talk about inflation. But time was affecting and many of us would have to leave without even a try—a little disappointed; but for the uninitiated it was a new experience and satisfaction that through the generosity of the Harrah Casino they were privileged to see first hand what they had heard about so many times. Promptly at 6 p.m. the big buses rolled up to the Casino. Soon we were homeward bound—tired and a little sleepy perhaps. After all, it had been quite a day—win or lose!

Co. Schools Hold Forum On Middle School Program

A Parents' Forum describing the new seventh and eighth grade middle school program will be presented on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Area Administrative Office of the Prince Georges County Public Schools, 6501 Lowland Dr., Landover. Parents and other interested persons are invited to attend.

CAREER-COLLEGE FAIR

High school juniors, seniors and their parents will be able to meet representatives from more than 200 colleges and businesses at the Seventh Annual Career-College Fair sponsored by the Prince Georges County Public Schools on March 19 and 20.

The fair, which will be held at Prince Georges Community College in Largo, will offer students an opportunity to talk directly with admission representatives from two- and four-year colleges located throughout the country. Mini-computers also will be available to students to determine admission requirements and sources of financial aid.

Businesses will also participate in the Career-College Fair. Employers and various military recruiting offices will discuss careers and job opportunities.

The Career-College Fair will be open to students and their parents from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

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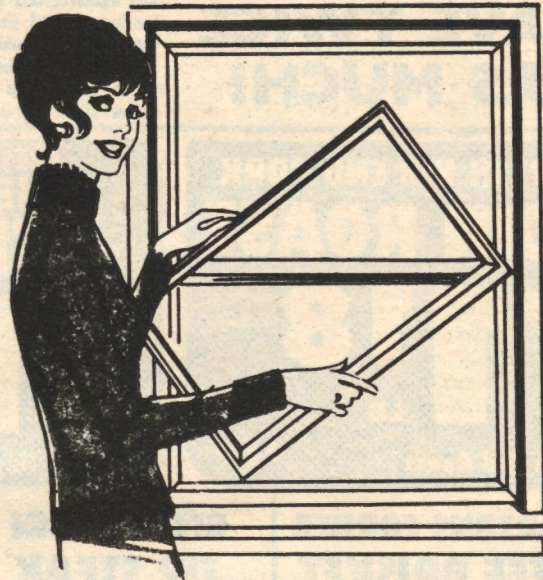
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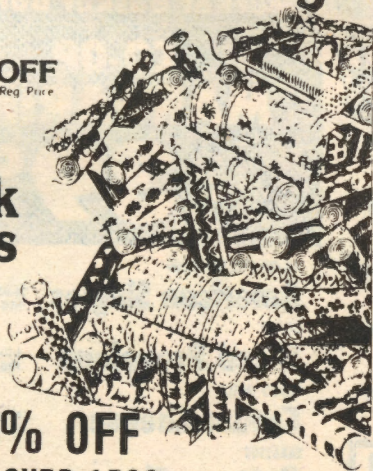
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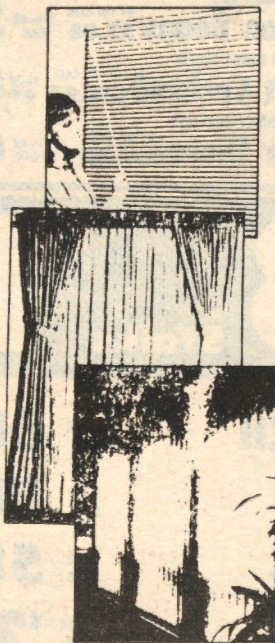
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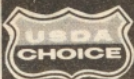
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Residents of Greenbelt who want to learn more of the activities of the Homemaker's Clubs may contact either Mrs. Phibbs, 474-4031, or Mrs. Fran Crisman, 345-9032. The club is open to all interested persons. Homemaker's Clubs are an affiliate of the Co-operative Extension Service and the University of Maryland.

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Police Blotter

Sgt. Ceccarelli closed the Breaking and Entering case to a home on Research Road last week with the arrest of a local juvenile. Entries to homes and apartments were reported at the following locations: 63 Court Ridge Road, 100 block Rosewood Drive, 9100 block Springhill Court, 100 block Julian Court, 100 block Westway Road, 7800 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Ora Glen Drive, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Some entries were made by force via a patio door or a window. In some cases no force was used. TVs, jewelry, camera equipment, a handgun and stereo equipment were reported stolen.

Thefts from purses were reported at Beltway Plaza and Greenway Shopping Center.

Two juveniles were apprehended for shoplifting in the A&P store at the Beltway Plaza. Two other juveniles were charged with being in possession of a stolen motorcycle by Cheverly police. The motorcycle was stolen from Lakeside Drive and a look-out has been issued.

Two arrests for theft at the Academy Six Theatres were made by Officer Lynn.

As a result of receiving a call about disorderly conduct, two persons were arrested at Crescent and Westway and charged by Pfc. Murray with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and interfering with a police officer.

Two runaway juveniles who were reported missing from this city were located in North Carolina. Their parents picked them up.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered this week, one in the county by County Police and the other was recovered in D.C. by D.C. police.

The Department began receiving frequent phone calls from a person who continued to call without giving any information. Investigation disclosed that the caller was a five-year-old boy. His mother advised him to discontinue the calls.

As a result of a traffic stop, Officer DiPietro charged the operator with being in possession of a dangerous drug (cocaine).

Al Morris Leads Greenbelt Runners

Al Morris of Woodland Way led two other Greenbelters who finished in the 20th Annual Washington's Birthday Marathon in Beltsville. Morris finished 56th out of 247 starters in the time of 2:58:05, while Alexander Barnes finished 63rd in 3:03:42 and qualified for the Boston Marathon in April (age groups have different qualifying times). Fred Bishop finished 135th in 3:24:25. Former Greenbelt resident Marty Greenbaum was 100th in 3:20:24. Hugh Jascourt, who had run 3:01 in the first Washington's Birthday Marathon in 1962, finished two laps before being injured.

The Washington Post's Colman McCarthy and the Washington Star's Al Schein ran featured stories on this race as well as Peter Pichaske of the Prince Georges Journal (Feb. 18), the latter a Greenbelt resident running two laps (17½ miles).

About 20 Greenbelters, some from the sponsoring JAYCEES, Greenbelt Running Club members and others manned the intersections, gave out water and in general made the marathon a success. The Greenbelt Recreation Department offered showers for the many out-of-area runners.

Mystery at Utopia

"Wait Until Dark," by Frederick Knott, directed by Angela Schreiber and Lu Chadwick, opens Friday, March 13 at the Utopia Theatre. It will play Fridays and Saturdays, March 13, 14; 20, 21; 27, 28 at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m. matinee.

A murder has been committed. Susie Hendrix, a sensitive, young blind woman, is alone in a basement apartment in Greenwich Village. Three men who hide their real identity pay Susie a visit. Michael Tallman says he's a war buddy of Susie's husband Sam. Carlino claims to be a detective investigating the recent murder. Harry Roat convinces Susie that he is the vengeful husband of the murdered woman. Who are these men and what do they want with Susie Hendrix? As the plot thickens, the air is filled with suspense and excitement. Greenbelt audiences won't want to miss this absorbing drama.

The role of Susie has been triple cast. It will be played by Janet Cripe, Claudia Schreiber and Michele Chang. Michael will be played alternately by Bruce Fleshman and John Jacobs. The role of Carlino will be played by Marty Harris and A. C. Mendenhall. Craig Mooring is cast in the role of Harry.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Utopia Theater box office, Monday-Friday 7-9 p.m. For information call 345-3916, 345-3516 or 345-9369. (Our recording is temporarily out of order.)

P.G. Hospital Offers Outpatient Session

Prince Georges General Hospital and Medical Center is offering another session of its outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. This program is designed for anyone suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (asthma, emphysema, bronchitis). The next session will begin April 6. Applications are now being accepted. For more information or to register for the program, call 341-4980.

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Greenbelt CARES to Start Parent Discussion Groups

by Jim Holmes

Raising children, especially adolescents, can be an extremely frustrating endeavor. Drug use, unwanted pregnancy, chronic truancy, and an assortment of other issues can easily reach crisis proportions in any family. Before long, parent and young person are not communicating effectively about anything. The generation gap becomes an ocean of anger, rejection, threats, and tears.

Greenbelt CARES is now accepting applications for a free Parent Discussion Group to begin Tuesday, March 24. The group will be co-led by Jim Holmes and Wendy Wexler, CARES' Family Counselors, and will meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for six weeks. Single parents or couples are welcome to register by calling Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660.

Although some formal presentations and exercises will be offered, this will not be a counseling or therapy group. A discussion group draws on the collective knowledge, skills, and experiences of its members.

The tentative agenda includes such topics as communication skills, drug abuse, sexuality, and chronic truancy. If demand exceeds limited space, other groups will be organized. The closing date for applications is March 17.

Tenant Eviction Bill Introduced by Pitkin

At the suggestion of several Greenbelt residents, Delegate Joan B. Pitkin (24th District) has introduced a bill into the 1981 General Assembly that requires a landlord to give a "good cause" notice to a tenant before the tenant can be evicted. The bill spells out specific causes for which a tenant may be evicted or a lease not to be renewed.

"Too often," Delegate Pitkin states, "a tenant is not given a specific reason for not having a lease renewed. With the passage of this bill, the landlord will be required to give the specific reason for termination or non-renewal on the 'Notice to Quit' now required by law."



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